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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Applicant: Paul Turgeon

Serial No.: 10/086,793

Filed: March 1, 2002

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING SECURE REMOTE  
REAL-TIME FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OVER A PUBLIC  
COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE WITH STRONG  
AUTHENTICATION

Attorney Docket No.: 044624-15-CIP

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-identified application, please amend the specification as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, please delete the section RELATED APPLICATIONS and replace with the following replacement section:

**RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation-in-part and claims the benefit of co-pending U.S. non-provisional patent application Serial No. 09/394,143 filed on September 10, 1999 entitled "System and Method for Providing Secure Service Over Public and Private Networks Using a Removable Potable Computer-Readable Storage Medium at a Network Access Drive."

MARKED UP VERSION OF REPLACEMENT SECTION

RELATED APPLICATIONS

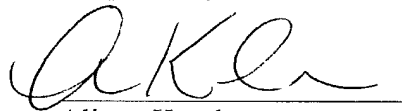
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REMARKS

In the marked up version of the replacement section, deleted matter is shown by brackets and added matter is shown by underlining. The amendment to the specification corrects the filing date of the co-pending application of which the present application claims priority benefit. The amendment does not introduce any new matter. It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is now in condition for examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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